GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF CANAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement was made at the time of construction of Pong Dam in Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh to construct Shah Canal in Punjab for irrigation in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when the canal is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) An agreement to construct Shahnehar Canal in Himachal Pradesh was signed between the Governments of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh on 4th August, 1983 for irrigating an area of 15,287 hectare in Himachal Pradesh, at the time of construction of Shahnehar Barrage and Mukerian Hydel Channel by Punjab and not at the time of construction of Pong Dam.

(b) Irrigation being a State subject the irrigation projects are planned, formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities. As reported by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, the scheduled completion of the project is Eleventh Five Year Plan.